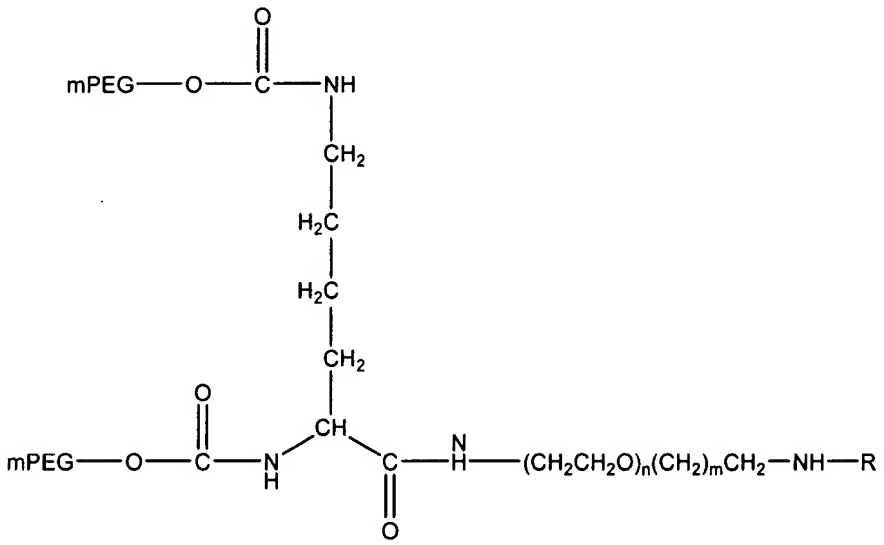
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A PEG conjugate having the structure of the formula



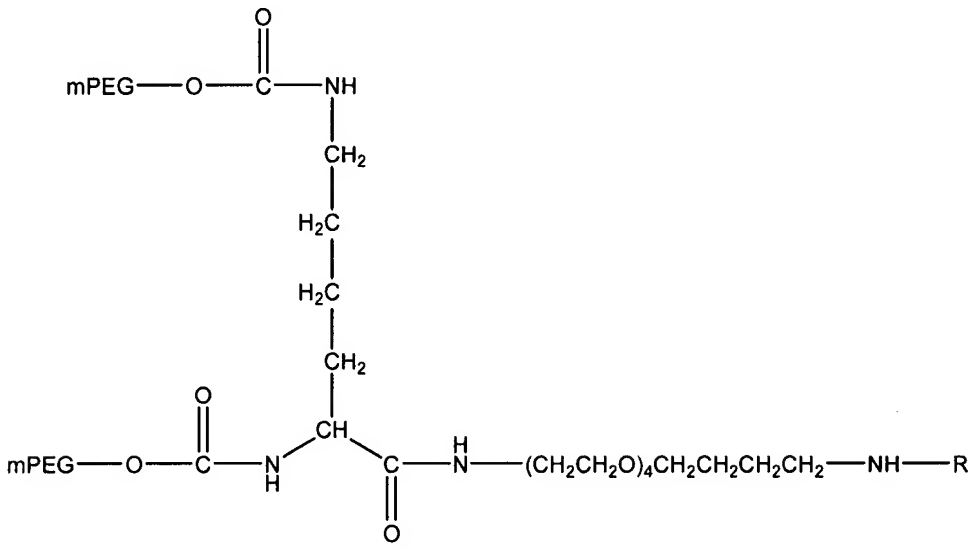
wherein

n is an integer between 1 and 10;

m is an integer between 1 and 10;

R is human growth hormone or methionyl human growth hormone **and the human growth hormone or methionyl human growth hormone is monopegylated at the N-terminus thereof**.

2. (previously presented) The PEG conjugate of claim 1 having the structure



wherein R is human growth hormone or methionyl human growth hormone.

3. (original) The conjugate of claim 2 wherein said human growth hormone comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

4. (currently amended) The conjugate of claim **[[2]]** **1** wherein said human growth hormone consists of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

5. (currently amended) The ~~**human growth hormone-PEG conjugate of claim 3 or 4 wherein**~~ **composition of claim 9 wherein the human growth hormone comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, the composition comprises a mixture of pegylated human growth hormone species, and** greater than 90% of said polyethylene glycol is conjugated to an amino-terminal phenylalanine of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

6. (currently amended) The ~~**human growth hormone-PEG conjugate of claim 3 or 4 wherein**~~ **composition of claim 9 wherein the human growth hormone comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, the composition comprises a**

mixture of pegylated human growth hormone species, and greater than 95% of said polyethylene glycol is conjugated to an amino-terminal phenylalanine of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

7. (currently amended) The ~~**human growth hormone-PEG conjugate**~~ **composition** of claim 5 wherein each mPEG has a molecular weight of about 20 kDa.

8. (currently amended) The ~~**human growth hormone-PEG conjugate**~~ **composition** of claim 6 wherein each mPEG has a molecular weight of about 20 kDa.

9. (currently amended) A composition comprising the human growth hormone-PEG conjugate of claim **[[7]] 1** and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10-14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A composition comprising the human growth hormone-PEG conjugate of claim **[[8]] 2** and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

16-20. (cancelled)

21. (new) The composition of claim 15 wherein the human growth hormone comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, the composition comprises a mixture of pegylated human growth hormone species, and greater than 90% of said polyethylene glycol is conjugated to an amino-terminal phenylalanine of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

22. (new) The composition of claim 15 wherein the human growth hormone comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, the composition comprises a mixture of pegylated human growth hormone species, and greater than 95% of said polyethylene glycol is conjugated to an amino-terminal phenylalanine of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

23. (new) The composition of claim 21 wherein each mPEG has a molecular weight of about 20 kDa.

24. (new) The composition of claim 22 wherein each mPEG has a molecular weight of about 20 kDa.